

COLORED EDITORS

### Political Claims to be Urged on the President.

THE CATLEY COURT-MARTIAL

General Wheaton Gives Some Very Damaging  
Evidence—The Receiving Ship  
Vermont Colli-

CINCINNATI, March 19.—The national convention of colored editors having elected officers adjourned until next year to meet in Philadelphia. A committee was

urge him to appoint a colored man on the Columbian exposition commission; also to urge the claims of a colored man for one of the judges of the nine judicial districts recently created. A committee was appointed to organize a plan for a colored press association for the dissemination of news.

ported against any idea of expatriation, but favors emigration from the overcrowded districts of the south to the west and southwest. Regret is expressed at the failure of Congress to pass the Blair educational bill and the election bill. "Jim Crow" cars on southern roads and all plans of discrimination in places of public resort and amusement are denounced as outrageous. The penal system of the south is severely criticized, and the ballot laws of Florida, South Carolina, Tennessee and Mississippi condemned.

**The Catley Court-Martial.**  
OMAHA, March 19.—The first witness called in the court-martial of Captain Catley this morning was General Wheaton. He testified that Catley did not accompany his command into the field from Pine Ridge, and witness did not believe him capable of commanding under fire. The

The accused cross-examined General Wheaton, and asked if he (Wheaton) had not been once court-martialed. After objection and a lively wrangle, General

Wheaton replied he had never been arrested and tried. Captain Catley then asked the court to send for witnesses, by which he said he could impeach General Wheaton's testimony, and show they could not believe him under oath. But the court refused to comply with his request.

Report on the Galena's Loss.  
WASHINGTON, March 19.—The report of

Medal of Honor Commander Bicknell upon the loss of the United States steamer Galena places the responsibility for the loss of the Galena and Nina upon the officers of the tug, who failed to respond to orders from the Galena when breakers were seen. High praise is awarded to Ensign Field for his energetic and courageous services, and to the crew for their gallant efforts.

The Vermont in Collision.

lyn navy yard, was run into by an unknown steamer, ocean bound. The Vermont, at this writing is full of water and it is feared she will sink. The crash tore a hole twelve feet square in her bow. The colliding steamer rebounded again, crashing

into the Vermont tore her side along to water mark ripping her open. There was a lively panic on board. Sailors were sent spinning from their hammocks and officers from their bunks. Nobody was injured but much of the interior furniture was damaged. The unknown steamer veered around and made with all possible speed for the lower bay. As anchor was thrown

not their senses together, the first launch at hand was started out in pursuit with sailors armed for duty. The steamer had a start of twenty minutes and up to this writing nothing has been heard either of her or the launch. When the collision occurred the steamer was hailed by the sailors of the Vermont, but the crew of the vessel answered that they were not the

**The Patrons of Husbandry.**  
LANSING, Mich., March 19.—The dissatisfaction existing in the supreme organization of the Patrons of Industry has caused a change of management and the election of an entirely new set of supreme officers.

Policy of Canadian Conservatives.

men in the Conservative ranks of the Canadian parliament, when asked as to the future Conservative policy, replied: "To immediately make overtures to the imperial government for larger trade with the British islands in the party's duty. I do

not think the British people appreciate the significance of the recent elections. The time has now come when England must choose between abandoning Canada or agreeing to an imperial tariff that will give Canadian products preference in English markets in return for preference to British manufactures in Canadian markets."

**Leech and Mason Confer on Gold Exports.**  
**NEW YORK, March 19.**—Director of the Mint Leech was at the assay office to-day, and had a long consultation with Superintendent Mason; but nothing could be obtained in regard to the subject of the con-

ference, or whether it would result in any further attempt to prevent gold exports. After leaving Superintendent Mason, Leech had an informal conference with several bank officials in regard to the refusal to sell gold bars for export. Some of the bankers are understood to have an

proved the action; but others who were in favor with Secretary Windom condemn it. It is generally believed a large amount of gold coin will be taken to-morrow for shipment on Saturday.

**A Timber Lands Swindler.**

OMAHA, Neb., March 19.—The firm of G. M. Baldwin & Co., who opened an office in this city some time ago and secured many local victims by advertising for men to go to Seattle, Tacoma and other Washington points to take up timber claims, evidently

did an extensive business outside. An attorney from Orange City, Ia., who to-day visited Omaha to investigate the matter, said thirty men from that town had each invested \$25 with the firm. Baldwin's office has been closed since the government agents got after them.